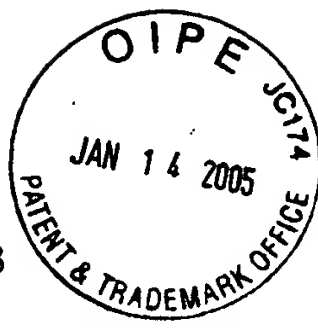


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The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Notice of Allowance dated December 6, 2004. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: